



Report to Council

Department: Office of the CAO
Division: Legal and Legislative Services
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Prepared by: Shelley Brown, Deputy Clerk
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Subject: Fence Replacement at Erie Cemetery HS-25-0001
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Recommendation(s)

That Legal and Legislative Services Report 2025-02 entitled Fence Replacement at Erie Cemetery HS-25-0001 prepared by Shelley Brown, Deputy Clerk dated April 22, 2025 be received, and

That Council approve the additional funding of \$4,383.82 above the approved Capital Budget of \$39,983.54 for replacement of the fence at Erie Cemetery (HS-25-0001) to be funded from the Asset Management Plan (AMP) Reserve.

Purpose

Council approval is required for amounts outside the approved budget.

Background and Discussion

The fence at the Erie Cemetery was identified as needing replacement in 2024 due to structural damage caused by wear and tear and age of the fence. At its December 9, 2024 Council Meeting, Council approved the 2025 Capital Budget and passed the following resolution:

SP24-12-012

Moved: Councillor Matyi

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Shepley

That Cemeteries Capital Project HS-25-0001 \$39,394 for the fencing replacement at Erie Cemetery be approved; and

That Council direct Administration to prepare a report on alternative types of fences.

Result: **Carried**

Chain link fences are highly effective for both residential and commercial applications, offering affordability, durability, and flexibility. Residential chain link fences are designed to be aesthetically pleasing and offer moderate security for personal properties, while commercial chain link fences are built for higher security needs and are constructed with more robust materials and features to withstand demanding environments. Understanding the differences between these two types of fences helps in choosing the right fence for the right application, ensuring both security and functionality.

The current fence is a residential chain link fence. A residential chain link fence is typically installed around homes, yards, pools and gardens to provide security, privacy and aesthetic appeal. These types of fences are designed to be functional while also blending into a residential setting. They are typically constructed of 9- or 11-gauge galvanized steel or vinyl-coated steel offering strength and durability for light to moderate security needs.

Commercial chain link fences are designed for business properties, public spaces and areas requiring higher security. These fences are more robust than residential fences and are built to withstand the demands of commercial or industrial environments. These types of fences are designed to provide security around commercial properties such as parking lots, industrial areas, or government buildings. They are typically constructed of 6- to 9-gauge galvanized steel with additional coatings.

After thorough review of both options, Administration recommends that a commercial grade fence be installed. The proposed fence would be constructed of 2'x6' black vinyl 6-gauge galvanized steel including a bottom rail for added support. This type of fence will provide greater durability over time and match the existing fence along the southern property line that

was replaced a few years ago. The fence will require some maintenance within the 20-25 year expected useful life with routine inspections conducted within that timeframe.

Financial Impact

Additional funding of \$4,383.82 from the AMP Reserve is required to upgrade the new fence from residential to commercial. This reserve has sufficient balance to fund this addition.

Consultations

Vince Murphy, Assistant Manager, Parks and Facilities

Kate Giurissevich, Director, Corporate Services

Joe Malandrucolo, Director, Legal and Legislative Services/Clerk

Link to Strategic Priorities

- Embrace asset management best practices to build, maintain, and continuously improve our municipally owned infrastructure.
- Leverage our Town's competitive advantages to promote jobs and economic investment.
- Take care of our natural environment and strengthen the sense of belonging to everyone who makes Essex "home".
- Deliver friendly customer service in an efficient, effective, and transparent manner while providing an exceptional working environment for our employees.
- Build corporate-level and community-level climate resilience through community engagement and partnership and corporate objectives.

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